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# U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Payette National Forest Krassel Ranger District

## **Big Creek Area Boating Restrictions**

### **PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following is prohibited on the portion of Big Creek on the Krassel Ranger District, Payette National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area"):

1. Entering or being in the Described Area with any device for transport in or upon a body of water, such as rafts, boats, air mattresses, inner tubes, hard shell kayaks, inflatable kayaks, or canoes, annually April 1 through May 31 and August 1 through September 30. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(k)

#### **EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

#### DESCRIBED AREA

Big Creek beginning at the confluence of Big Creek and Smith Creek in Section 13, Township 21 North, Range 9 East, then easterly, downstream, on Big Creek approximately 31 miles to the confluence of Big Creek and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Section 10, Township 20 North, Range 14 East, Boise Meridian, Valley County, Idaho.

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#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect Chinook Salmon and steelhead.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- 1. This Order shall be in effect from April 24, 2025 at 6:00 am through April 24, 2030 at 24:00 pm, unless rescinded.
- A map identifying the Described Road and Trail is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/r04/payette/alerts">https://www.fs.usda.gov/r04/payette/alerts</a>.
- 3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
- 4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
- 5. Contact the Krassel Ranger District in Council, ID (208) 634-0600, and Payette National Forest Supervisor's Office in McCall, ID (208) 634-0700, for more information about this Order.
- 6. This Order supersedes Order #0412-318 prohibiting the same or similar acts on the described area.

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